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- 1. DEPT AND CAB STAFF HAVE COMMUNICATED TO WORLD AIRWAYS AND INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL SERVICE (ITS) EMBASSY'S RECOMMENDATION CONTAINED PARA 3 REFTEL. ON AUG 15 WE WERE INFORMED BY WORLD AND ITS THAT RETURNING ITALIAN PASSENGERS WOULD BE CARRIED BY WORLD AS FAR AS AMSTERDAM WITH ONWARD TRAVEL TO ROME TO BE PROVIDED VIA ALITALIA'S SCHEDULED SERVICES. ITS IS CURRENTLY MAKING ARRANGEMENTS WITH ALITALIA REGARDING THE AMSTERDAM-ROME PORTION OF THE TRIP.
- 2. IN HIS CONVERSATION WITH CAB STAFF, STEVE MARTIN, PRESIDENT OF ITS, CLAIMED THAT THE LATENESS OF JUNE TELE-UNCLASSIFIED

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GRAMS WAS DUE IN PART TO ASSURANCES THAT HE RECEIVED FROM ALITALIA THAT "THINGS HAD BEEN WORKED OUT," I.E., THAT ALITALIA HAD SUCCESSFULLY EMPLOYED GOOD OFFICES WITH CIVILAVIA ON BEHALF OF ITS TO ENABLE THE ROME ORIGINATING PASSENGERS TO LEAVE ON THE JUNE 24 FLIGHT. MARTIN CLAIMS HE LEARNED OF THE INACCURACY OF ALITALIA'S ASSURANCES ONLY AFTER WORLD'S EUROPEAN OFFICE CALLED TO THANK CIVILAVIA FOR

THE PERMISSION AND WAS TOLD THAT IT DID NOT EXIST. MARTIN ALSO NOTED THAT THE AUGUST 18 FLIGHT IS THE LAST IN IT'S SERIES THIS SUMMER. VANCE

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